

Rib Mountain, Wisconsin  
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Zoning Ordinance  
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**RIB MOUNTAIN  
MUNICIPAL WELL RECHARGE AREA  
OVERLAY DISTRICT--MW**

Statement of Intent: The town of Rib Mountain recognizes that the consequences of certain land use activities, whether intentional or accidental, can seriously impair groundwater quality. The purpose of the Municipal Well Recharge Area Overlay District (MW) is to protect municipal groundwater resources from certain land use activities by imposing appropriate restrictions upon lands located within the approximate groundwater recharge area of the town's municipal wells. The restrictions imposed herein are in addition to those of the underlying residential, commercial, or industrial zoning districts or any other provisions of the zoning ordinance.

Description of Zones: Through careful consideration of the geologic and hydrologic information available, the MW has been divided into two zones: Zone A and Zone B.

Zone A has been identified as the primary source of water for the municipal well aquifer and as the area most likely to transmit groundwater contaminants to the municipal wells. Due to its environmentally sensitive nature, Zone A has more land use restrictions than Zone B.

Zone B has been identified as a secondary source of water for the municipal well aquifer and as an area where there is a lower probability of surface contaminants reaching the municipal well fields. Since there is a reduced potential for groundwater contamination in Zone B, the restrictions developed for this area are less stringent than in Zone A.

**Zone A**

Prohibited Uses: The following land uses have been found to have a high potential to contaminate or have already caused groundwater contamination problems in Wisconsin and elsewhere. These principal or accessory users are thus prohibited within Zone A or the MW:

1. Areas for dumping or disposal of garbage, refuse, trash, or demolition material.
2. Asphalt products manufacturing plants.
3. Automobile laundries.
4. Automobile service stations.
5. Building materials and product sales.
6. Cartage and express facilities.
7. cemeteries.
8. Chemical storage, sale, processing, or manufacturing plants.
9. Dry cleaning establishments.

10. Electronic circuit assembly plants.
11. Electroplating plants.
12. Extermination shops.
13. Fertilizer manufacturing or storage plants.

14. Foundries and forge plants.
15. Garages--for repair and servicing of motor vehicles, including body repair, painting, or engine rebuilding.
16. Highway salt storage areas.
17. Industrial liquid waste storage areas.
18. Junk yards and auto graveyards.
19. Metal reduction and refinement plants.
20. Mining operations.
21. Motor and machinery service and assembly shops.
22. Motor freight terminations.
23. Paint products manufacturing
24. Petroleum product storage or processing
25. Photographic studies including the developing of film and pictures
26. Plastics manufacturing
27. Printing and publishing establishments
28. Pulp and paper manufacturing
29. Residential dwelling units on lots less than 15,000 square feet; however, in any residential district, on a lot of record on this effective date of this ordinance, a single-family dwelling may be established regardless of the size of the lot provided all other requirements of the Rib Mountain Zoning Ordinance are met.
30. Septage disposal sites
31. Sludge disposal sites
32. Storage, manufacturing, or disposal of toxic or hazardous materials
33. Underground petroleum products storage tanks for industrial, commercial, residential, or other uses
34. Woodworking and wood products manufacturing

Conditional Uses: The following conditional users may be allowed in the MW, subject to the provisions of Article VI, Section 6.10.

1. Any other business or industrial use not listed as a prohibited use.
2. Animal waste storage area and facilities.
3. Center-pivot or other large scale, irrigated, agriculture operations.

#### Zone B

Prohibited Uses: Underground petroleum products storage tanks for industrial, commercial, residential, or other uses.

Conditional Users: The following conditional users may be allowed in the MW, subject to the provision of Article VI, Section 6.10.

Any business or industrial use:

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